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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Ghanem E. Ghanem et al.

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For: Drug Transport and Delivery System

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 ACCOMPANIED  
BY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2008, in which all pending claims (1-2, 6-8, 11, 16, 18 and 20) were finally rejected. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set out below. This response is timely filed as a petition for a one month extension of time to February 3, 2009 is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.